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RESPONSE

In response to the final action mailed September 10, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

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All the pending claims are reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience. Please amend claims 18, 19, 22, 28, 29, 35, 40 and 43-44 as follows:

-- 18. (Twice Amended) A method of obtaining an antibody, comprising: providing a mammal that (a) has a cell which is Aiolos deregulated and (b) is immunized with an antigen; and isolating an antibody against the antigen from the mammal or from a hematopoietic cell derived from the mammal, to thereby obtain an antibody.

19. (Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the mammal is a mouse

20. (Reiterated) The method of claim 18, wherein the mammal is an Aiolos transgenic mouse.

21. (Reiterated) The method of claim 18, wherein the antigen is an autoantigen.

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